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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following between numbered lines 22 and 23 on Page 3 of the application:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following between numbered lines 20 and 21 on Page 6 of the application:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following between numbered lines 25 and 26 on Page 7 of the application:

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

In The Claims:

1. (Amended) A reagent for detecting an infection caused by a human immunodeficiency virus, comprising a mixture consisting of (1) an antigenic peptide coded for by the *pol* gene of HIV-1 and comprising at most 60 amino acids, and (2) a mixture, called a mixotope, of convergent combinatorial peptides derived from said antigenic peptide.
2. (Amended) A reagent according to Claim 1, wherein said antigenic peptide corresponds to an epitope of the integrase coded for by the *pol* gene of HIV-1.
3. (Amended) A reagent according to Claim 2, wherein said antigenic peptide corresponds to the sequence KIQNFRVYYRDSRDPLWKGPALLWKGEAVVIQDN (SEQ ID NO:1) (HIV-POL).
4. (Amended) A reagent according to Claim 1, wherein the mixotope corresponds to a degeneration of the whole of the selected antigenic peptide.
5. (Amended) A reagent according to Claim 1, wherein the antigenic peptide (1) and the mixotope (2) are attached to a solid support.